

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Not to mention an utter mud-slinging match against one of our country's finest: a soldier who fought with honor in Vietnam. I am outraged at the FCC's passive allowance of exactly what we the people have been fighting against. How would the FCC react if Fahrenheit 911 was forcibly shown by the so-called "liberal media?" This stunt being pulled by the Sinclair Broadcasting Group is political propaganda at its height and must be preempted!

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.